Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners
648 Beacon Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02215

Memorandum June 10, 1983

To: Massachusetts Public Library Directors

From: Mary Litterst FPSD/Planning and Research Unit

Subject: 1982 Comparative Public Library Report

New to the Comparative Report this year is the number of hours library service is typically available in a community, the number of hours in the work week, and the number of staff expressed in full-time equivalents. A new, flexible, automated database management system enabled us to respond to reader requests and include these items. Those and other data items are detailed in the introduction.

The compilation and publishing schedule for the Data for Massachusetts series is being revised. The next issue of this report will be distributed sooner.

A form on the reverse of this memo requests your evaluation of the report. Your comments will be useful as we prepare the next report. Thank you.

To correct an error in the submitted data, please make the following changes in the report:

p.5 1982 Holdings - change 25,803,364 to 25,683,364
- change 4.56 to 4.54

81-82 Holdings - change 0.0 to -0.22

80-82 Holdings - change -1.30 to -1.73

p.17 Table H Holdings Per Capita 25,000-49,999

75th percentile - change 5.21 to 5.09
90th percentile - change 6.40 to 6.16
mean - change 4.24 to 4.18

p.38 Arlington, Holdings PC - change 6.47 to 3.99

cc: State Library Development Agencies
ALA Accredited Library Programs
Collective Bargaining Representatives

COMPARATIVE DATA - EVALUATION FORM

1. I am a ____Director ___Other Staff Member ___Trustee ____ Other Individual concerned with a library in a municipality ____of less than 5,000 population
____of 5,000 or more population.

2. In the past three years have you used any data provided in the Comparative Public Library Report? ___YES ___NO (please go to question 4)

3. Please give some examples of how you have used the data.

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4. Please list additional data you would like the agency to gather and check the dissemination method most suited to your needs.

DATA ITEM	PUBLISH ANNUALLY	PUBLISH LESS	AVAILABLE ON REQUEST
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5. Please add any comments that might help us to improve this product.

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